

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 2 APRIL 97
TAG REVIEW DATE: 27 AUGUST 97**

1. **SITE NAME:** Deming Army Air Field,
Precision Bombing Range No. 7

SITE NUMBER: K06NM039100

LOCATION:

City: Deming
County: Luna
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM039101

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

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TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The Deming Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 7 was positioned on 955.55 acres of land located approximately 23 miles southeast of the City of Deming, Luna County, New Mexico. The site includes all the land in Section 18 and the S 1/2 of Section 7, T25S, R5W, New Mexico Principal

Meridian. Prior to DOD use, the site was public domain under control of the Department of the Interior (DOI). The land was used by a private party for grazing, and acquisition of the site involved suspension of the grazing lease. Currently, the property that once comprised the site is public domain and is administered by the DOI, Bureau of Land Management. The land is leased to a private party for livestock grazing purposes.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. Deming Army Air Field was the home of a Bombardier Training School and assigned to the Western Flying Training Command. The first class graduated in February 1943 and the last class graduated in January 1945. The Bombardier Training School was closed and the base supported Tow Target operations for Fort Bliss, Texas.

b. On 24 July 1942, the West Coast Air Force Training Center requested the acquisition of the property which eventually became Deming PBR No. 7. By 1943, construction of the range was completed. This range is also known as Deming Range S-8 and is part of the "B" series of targets which included targets Deming PBR No. 2 and PBR No. 3. Effective 31 December 1944, the range was transferred from the Army Air Forces Western Flying Training Command (formerly West Coast Air Force Training Center) to the Second Air Force. M38A2, 100 pound, sand filled practice bombs were the only items dropped on this site. In September 1945, this range was declared surplus. On 26 May 1948, the DOI assumed custody for the property.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area:	Entire Site
Size, Acres:	955.55
Former Use:	Target Area and Safety/Buffer Zone
Present Use:	Livestock Grazing
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordinance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Bomb, 100 lb. Practice, M38A2, w/spotting Charge

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search report for Deming PBR No. 7 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in February 1997.

7. STRATEGY: Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group recommended an EE/CA for the entire site since there was confirmed debris from M38-series 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection. Since this site has not been broken down into separate areas, the entire site must be considered; however, the main focus of removal should deal with the lands that surrounded the target rings and silhouettes.

b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of Chemical Warfare Materials ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

c. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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